

REMARKS

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 39-41 under 35 U. S. C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 39-41 are canceled.

2. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 24, 25, 26under 35 U. S. C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Stralen (6,940,927).

Claims 1, 2, 24, 25, 26are canceled.

3. The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 19, 28-30, 32-37 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Dent (6,944,206) in view of Stralen (6,940,927).

Claims 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 19, 28-30, 32-37 are canceled.

4. The Examiner has rejected claims 39 and 41 under 35 U. S. C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Stralen (6,940,927).

Claims 39-41 are canceled.

5. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-23, 27, 31, 38 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including

all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-23, 27, 31, 38 are amended so that are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, it is believed that claims 3-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-23, 27, 31, 38 are in condition of allowance.

6. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 19, 24, 25, 26, 28-30, 32-37, and 39-41 are canceled.

7. Now claims 3-7, 10, 12-15, 18, 20-23, 27, 31, 38 are pending in the present application and are believed to be in condition of allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully solicited.

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